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1. GULF OIL CORP TELLS US THAT ITS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING MAKING PUBLIC AT AN APRIL 17 STOCKHOLDERS MEETING GULF'S VIEW THAT THE GOE HAS FAILED TO LIVE UP TO ITS AGREEMENT WITH GULF AND THE USG. THE CHAIRMAN WILL DECIDE SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ECUADOREAN REQUEST FOR A BRIBE WOULD BE A PART OF THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN. OUR INITIAL FEELINGS HERE ARE THAT IF THE GOE-USG AGREEMENT BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, THE USG MAY FEEL IT NECESSARY TO DO EVEN MORE THAN IT IS CURRENTLY DOING. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHAT ADVICE WE SHOULD GIVE GULF ON THIS MATTER. PLEASE REPLY NO LATER THAN APRIL 5.

- 2. IF IN YOUR JUDGEMENT YOU DEEM IT APPROPRIATE TO SHARE THE NEWS OF THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT WITH AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH-LEVEL OF THE GOE, YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO DO SO.
- 3. FYI: GULF ALSO TELLS US THAT GULF IS CONSIDERING AN

OFFER TO THE GOE TO CANCEL THE DEBTS TO ONE ANOTHER AND TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE AUDIT. ACCORDING TO GULF THIS ARRANGEMENT MEANS THAT GULF WOULD GIVE UP SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS, BUT GULF IS WILLING TO DO SO TO GET MOVEMENT. GULF ALSO CLAIMS THAT MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES SEMBLANTES REFUSES TO MEET WITH GULF -- REASONS UNKNOWN.

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